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DATE: April 12, 2004

TO: City Manager Lamont Ewell

FROM: Councilmember Jim Madaffer 

SUBJECT: Mission Trails Regional Park Bridge

This memo is to request the allocation of funding for the reconstruction of the Mission Trails Regional Park Bridge at the earliest possible date. This bridge, located at the terminus of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. connects the community of Tierrasanta with Mission Trails Regional Park. The Cedar Fire of October 2003 destroyed functionality of the bridge, and the cost to repair it has been estimated as high as \$50,000. It has remained closed since the fires. I would like to allocate funds from Park Service District Fund No. 11340 in the amount of \$20,000 for its repair. I would also like to allocate the remainder needed to repair the bridge (approximately \$30,000) from available interest earnings held within various Tierrasanta Developer Agreement funds.

When the City of San Diego is reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Office of Emergency Services for costs associated with repairing the bridge (estimated at 75-99% reimbursement), I would like to ask that each of the above funding sources be reimbursed proportionately for their expenditures. Lastly, I would like to request that any funds allocated that are not used for the bridge rebuilding be returned to the original funding sources

Furthermore, it is my understanding that the Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation has made bridge reconstruction a priority and has raised approximately \$15,000 for this project. The MTRP Foundation has indicated their desire to cover any gap in funding from the FEMA reimbursements. Knowing the FEMA process will take time, and knowing the popularity of this bridge for park access, it is my desire that this funding process take place as soon as possible and the necessary work orders be issued to commence bridge repair.

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Please contact Jaymie Bradford of my staff should you have any questions. Thank you.

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